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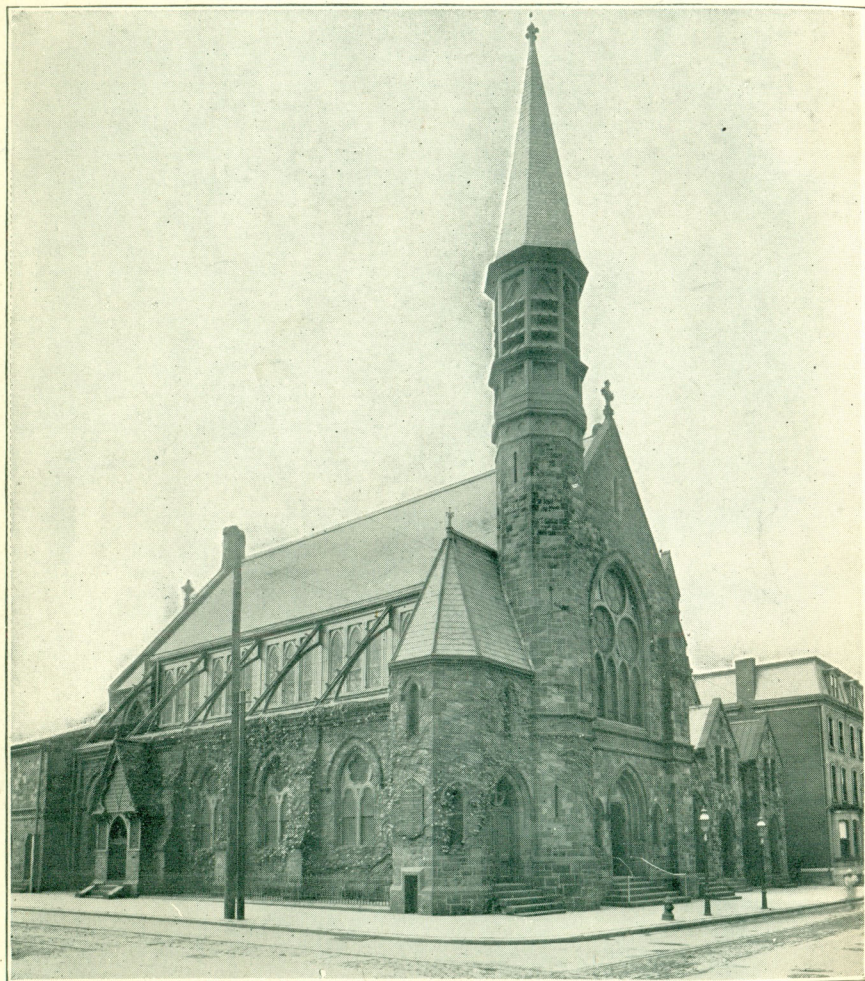
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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, THE ABOVE EDIFICES ARE:
 (1) HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL; (2) SUNDAY SCHOOL
 BUILDING; (3) GUILD HOUSE

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THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL
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celebrates, on All Saints' Day—November 1, 1925—the Fiftieth Anniversary of the consecration of its buildings, at Twenty-second and Spruce Streets.

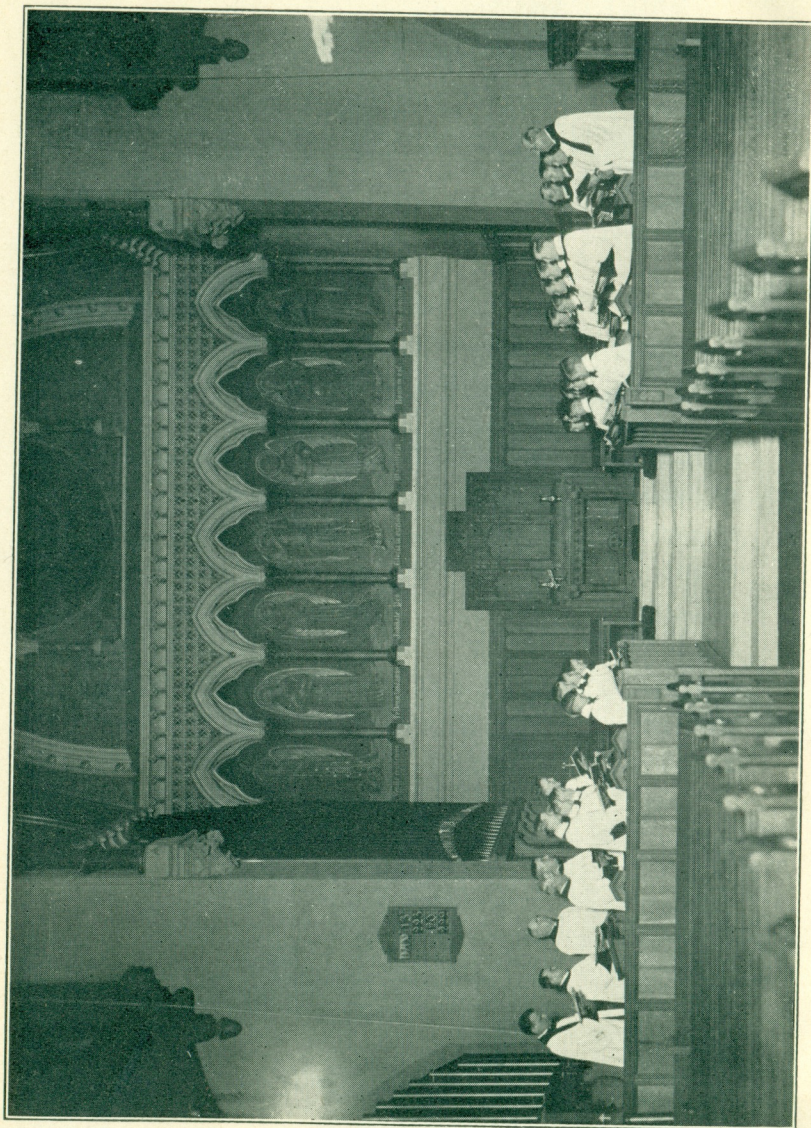
The Chapel had been doing a good work, previous to 1875, in a small building in the neighborhood, but the gifts of Mrs. Wilstach, Mr. Coffin and Mr. Bohlen enabled it to greatly enlarge its sphere of usefulness, and a detailed account of the resulting beneficences of these good people is added, taken from publications of fifty years ago.

The "Mother Church," at Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, is noted for its welcome to all comers, but as it and the other large churches in the neighborhood have names on the pews it was felt then, and is still felt, that there is a necessity for a small church without this characteristic and one where many people can feel more at home among friends than they can in a large church where a large portion of the congregation are strangers to each other.

It is felt that the need for this kind of a church will continue to grow, as the neighborhood is becoming filled with apartment houses, supplying a very large clientele for objective spiritual ministrations. The Minister in Charge tells his story of what he and his fellow-workers are now doing, and of his hopes for the future. The Chapel has done much good in the last fifty years; may the next half-century produce still greater results in God's work.

MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF HOLY TRINITY
MEMORIAL CHAPEL FROM THE TIME
OF ITS FOUNDATION, IN 1863

Rev. Herman L. Duhring, D.D.	1863-1868
Rev. Richard N. Thomas	1868-1870
Rev. William H. Neilson, D.D.	1871-1873
Rev. Robert A. Edwards, D.D.	1874-1878
Rev. George F. Bugbee	1879-1890
Rev. Robert A. Mayo	1890-1901
Rev. R. Marshall Harrison, D.D.	1901-1909
Rev. H. C. Stone	1910-1916
Rev. J. Ogle Warfield	1916-1923
Rev. B. Janney Rudderow	1923-



CHOIR, HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

THE CHAPEL AND THE PRESENT

The Church of the present day expresses herself in three ways—Worship, Education, Service. While it would be difficult to give a full account of such work as carried on by the Chapel, an outline may be interesting.

Worship.—The services are as follows: Holy Communion every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock; on the first Sunday of the month Holy Communion and sermon at 11, and at that hour on other Sundays Morning Prayer followed by Anti-Communion and sermon, or the Litany being substituted for Anti-Communion. During the Summer months the services are shortened. Every Sunday night at 8 o'clock Evening Prayer and address, an Organ Recital of fifteen minutes preceding during the Winter. Holy Communion on all Holy Days and Saints' Days at 10 o'clock in the morning, except during the Summer.

The Choir is composed of boys and men, under the leadership of a competent Choir Master. Systematic practice and training during the week enable them to render the music skillfully and in a manner fitting the traditions of the Church.

Education.—The Sunday School carries on the work of Christian education according to the most improved methods. It is thoroughly graded, and is taught by teachers who fully realize the fundamental necessity of laying the truth deep in the hearts of the young.

The Daily Vacation Bible School during the Summer has done splendid non-sectarian work, with breadth of view and effort. There can be no doubt of its very good effect on the lives of many of the boys and girls of the neighborhood.

Service.—Christian service is being rendered by the Chapel in its organizations, which meet in the Guild House, and in the matter of raising money for the general program of the Church and for our parochial needs (see statistics).

The Woman's Auxiliary is a prime factor in the life of the Chapel and is actively engaged in furthering the Missionary work of the Church-at-large. The characteristic feature of the Auxiliary is its proving that once a need is known by earnest people, it is soon answered. They learn of the need of others and therefore work for them.

The Mothers' Meeting is another organization which has ever before it the vision of a Church at work. Its principal concern is in helping by sewing for local needs, and, like all the other groups, it contributes to the Budget of the General Church, while its social side is not forgotten.

The Girls' Friendly Society.—The character of its aim is well known, rendering valuable aid in furthering the spirit of Fellowship and Understanding in the lives of young women and girls. It has an eye on tomorrow as well as today.

The Church School Service League is true to its name. It prepares boxes for Domestic and Foreign

Missions, including gifts "useful and joyful" for every one mentioned in the requests from its Diocesan Headquarters. Its membership is comprised of boys and girls of Sunday School age.

The Girls' Guild has done splendid work for the parish and Missionary cause. It has contributed four members to the Sunday teaching force and does all it can to promote the life of the Chapel.

Domestic Science Classes, in which the planning, marketing and cooking of meals are included, have proved of much value in the homes of the children who take part. Each year we have been able to help more homes, through this very practical course.

The Scout Troops (Boy and Girl) have been busy carrying on the activities of their respective groups. The Girl Scouts have been called upon to aid in many acts of service outside of the Chapel, while the Boys are constantly carrying out the work which the Scout program entails. They are both worth while and do much for better future citizenship.

The Men's Club's aim is primarily social, although it does not lose sight of other sides of parish life. It has a healthy program laid out, and its meetings are hearty and splendid in spirit.

Any account of the work of the Chapel would be incomplete without an indication of the large amount of case work in **Social Service** which is being constantly done. The Chapel works in conjunction

with many social agencies, and hopes to be of genuine worth to the community in this respect.

THE CHAPEL AND THE FUTURE

It takes no prophetic gift to see that this Chapel, as every other church, must face in the future tasks greater than those so far known. No matter what the conditions under which it may exist, its watchword must be "Service." It must be service in the highest sense and "upon the best and surest foundations."

We feel that it is in a position to render a much-needed note of self-forgetfulness as it starts on its second half of a century of existence in its present site. God has been more than good to it in the past; we may trust Him for the future.

The Chapel, then, must look beyond its own limits and its own parochial work to find its responsibility. It must feel that Christ's Kingdom is its field of service; it must think not the thoughts of men, but after Him, the thoughts of God; it must speak the Word of the Living Truth; it must answer the call of a world sin-sick and weary for the Reign of Christ. If this be done it will justify its life. And nothing short of this will do.

B. JANNEY RUDDEROW,
Minister-in-Charge.

STATISTICS

(For the year 1924, present year's data being incomplete.)

Baptisms	22
Confirmations	21
Marriages	6
Burials	15

Congregation.

Families	245
Communicants Last Reported	381
Present Number	410
Easter Communicants	200

Volunteer Workers.

Chapel Committee	6
Ushers	10
Choir	14
Sunday School Teachers and Officers	10
Officers of Clubs and Societies	20
Active Members in Societies	193
Total	253
Names Occurring More Than Once	85
Actual Number of Volunteer Workers	168

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Parish Organizations Raised	\$ 465.11
Contributions of Chapel Parishioners	3,045.31

(This includes our quota for the Church's program—Nation-Wide Campaign—PAID IN FULL, \$1,450.00.)

INSCRIPTIONS ON MEMORIALS

The Lectern:

"To the Glory of God
And in Loving Memory of
ISABELLA DEANS,
Who Entered into Rest October 2, 1912."

Book-Rest on Holy Table:

"In Memoriam,
THOMAS W. and ANNA J. BENNETT,
Easter, 1918."

The Vases:

"In Memory of
ANNA SLACK,
Entered into Rest September 18, 1916."

The Pulpit:

"To the Glory of God
And in Loving Memory of
HATTIE L. LEE,
For Many Years a Devoted Worker of
Holy Trinity Parish. 1920."

RECORD OF IMPROVEMENTS

1893—Alterations, costing \$10,000.

1895—No. 2216 and No. 2218 Spruce Street purchased for \$32,000, one being used as a Guild House and the other as a Vicarage.

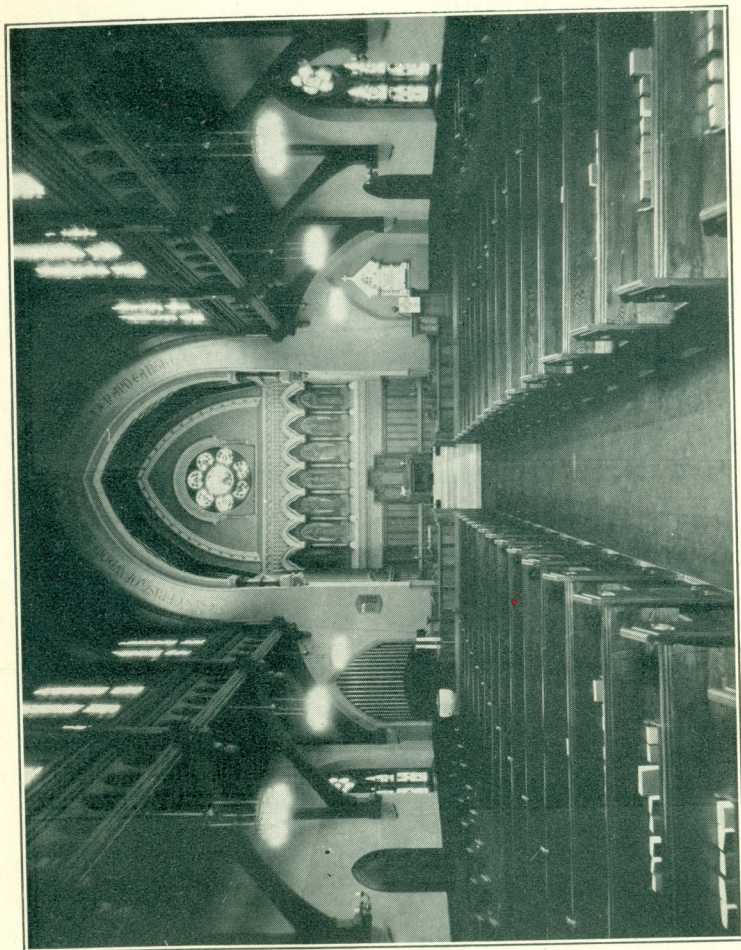
1907—New organ installed, costing \$6,900.

—On Easter Day seven beautiful oil paintings on canvas were unveiled. They are copies of Fra Angelico's "Angels," and fill the niches on the rear chancel wall. The donor stipulated that his name should not be disclosed and now, after eighteen years, it has been ascertained that the Chapel can thank Mr. Colin Deans for them. He was an earnest worker in the Chapel for many years, and his liberal gift is still much appreciated. He also donated the Lectern, which later he made a memorial to his mother.

1913-14—The Guild House and Vicarage remodeled into one building, with one entrance; party walls removed, and steel beams inserted to hold the floors; this, with other repairs, costing over \$10,000.

1917—The present Vicarage (No. 2220) purchased for \$12,000.

1922—The entire interior of the Chapel redecorated, being in very bad condition: Extensive alterations made in the Choir and Chancel, making them more in keeping with other churches; the Choir lowered, the organ console moved back, the Chancel steps changed and a marble floor placed in the Chancel and Choir aisle; the unattractive plaster work at the back removed and carved woodwork substituted; the whole improvement designed by the well-known architect, Horace Wells Sellers; the shiny varnish on the pews scraped off and the natural surface restored; the Estey Company renewed the pneumatics of the organ (2,400 of small bellows); all of the above costing over \$10,000.



INTERIOR, HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Extracts From Year Books of The Church of the Holy Trinity Regarding Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel.

YEAR BOOK OF 1874

The New Chapel and School Building.

We said in our last report, "The work of the Chapel is capable of great enlargement, and it will be proper for us soon to consider whether this can be accomplished in the present building, or whether a wise regard to the growing demands of the neighborhood ought not to lead us to the removal of the congregation to a more commodious and attractive edifice." We have entertained these views for a long time, but have not seen our way clear to begin a new enterprise in this connection until recently.

In the early part of the year it became known to the Vestry that the Board of Education was desirous of purchasing our present Chapel. After due consideration of the question the Vestry adopted a resolution authorizing the Church Wardens to sell the present lot and building of Trinity Chapel, at the corner of Twenty-second and Locust Streets,

to the City for school purposes, for the sum of \$22,000. The City, by an ordinance since passed by Councils, has agreed to the purchase, and the deed of sale will soon be prepared and executed.

The Vestry appointed a Building Committee, with authority to purchase a new lot, and to erect thereon a new edifice for the Chapel, provided that no new liability should be incurred by the corporation of the Church, and that the new lot and Chapel should be entirely free of debt within a limited time. While considering the whole matter of location and plans of the new building the committee were met by a noble and generous offer, made through the Rector, which has been duly accepted by the authorities of the Church. Mrs. Anna H. Wilstach agrees to contribute the sum of \$50,000 to build the Chapel, as a memorial of her daughter, Anna Gertrude Wilstach. This young lady, who was confirmed in our Church in the Spring of 1873, was a person of lovely character and gave promise of great usefulness, but her Heavenly Father soon afterwards called her to Himself, and her mother desires to make this loving tribute to her memory. The Chapel will be an attractive building, with 700 or more sittings. It will be known as Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel.

The School Building will be entirely separate and will have large accommodations for the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes and other work of the Chapel. It will be a memorial of John Bohlen, the

late Rector's Warden, and will be erected by his sister and his attached friend and co-worker of many years in the Church (Mr. Lemuel Coffin), who unite in this tribute of affection to his memory. It will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 and will be known as Holy Trinity Memorial School Building.

The lot secured for the location of these buildings is on the southwest corner of Twenty-second and Spruce streets, having a large front on each street. In addition to the money coming from the City for the present Chapel, more than \$12,000 have been subscribed towards the payment of the new lot and other expenses, and it is not doubted that the remaining \$15,000 required will be cheerfully contributed by those in the congregation who may be called upon for the purpose.

The new Chapel and School Building will be a centre of very active Church work, where rich and poor can worship together, and will, we trust, enlist the liberal and active sympathies of the parent Church.

The work will be commenced in a few weeks, and both buildings will probably be completed and ready for occupancy in the Spring of 1875.

YEAR BOOK OF 1875

Holy Trinity Chapel.

Since our last report the deed of sale to the City of the old building at the corner of Twenty-second and Locust Streets has been executed, and the amount paid therefor by the City Treasurer has been added to the Building Fund of the new Memorial Buildings and used in partly paying for the new lot at Twenty-second and Spruce Streets, the purchase of which was mentioned in our last report.

The Chapel congregation and Sunday School have had the use of a part of the old building up to the present time, but are now about vacating it altogether, and will take partial possession of the new School Building, until the completion of the new Chapel.

The New Memorial Buildings.

The cornerstones of the Memorial Chapel and School Buildings, at Twenty-second and Spruce Streets, were laid by Bishop Stevens on the afternoon of the 30th of September, 1874, when very appropriate addresses were made by the Rector of the Church and the Minister of the Chapel. The work upon these edifices has steadily progressed, but the long and severe Winter delays the completion of the buildings until a later period than we anticipated.

The School Building is nearly completed and furnished, and the Chapel will be finished and ready for occupancy some time during the Autumn.

There is still need to pay off the mortgages upon the ground, and to pay for the curbing, paving, drainage, and other incidental expenses—about \$12,500. We have a fair prospect of getting \$5,000 of this amount from three or four sources. When the fact is taken into consideration that our congregation is not called upon to contribute anything towards the erection and furnishing of these large and beautiful edifices we cannot but appeal with confidence to the wealthy and liberal people of our parish to make up by their generous and willing contributions the remaining \$7,500 required to make this whole enterprise entirely clear of debt.

It is expected that Bishop Jaggar, our late Rector, will, through the courtesy and by the invitation of our own Diocesan, consecrate these buildings about the first of November, provided the means can be procured in the meantime to enable us to present them as a free offering to the service of the Triune God. A full description of both buildings will be furnished by the architect, and appear in our next report.

YEAR BOOK OF 1876

The Holy Trinity Memorial Buildings.

THE CONSECRATION SERVICES OF THE HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL BUILDINGS, at Twenty-second and Spruce Streets, took place on Monday, November 1, 1875, All Saints' Day, at 11 o'clock in the morning, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Stevens officiating. The Bishop was assisted in the services by the Rector of the Church and the Minister of the Chapel and several other clergymen. The instrument of endowment, signed by the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Holy Trinity, was presented and read by the Chairman of the Building Committee. The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Jaggar, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, during whose Rectorship of the Church of the Holy Trinity the erection of these buildings was begun. It seemed appropriate that the buildings erected as memorials of two devoted servants of God should be consecrated to His worship and service on the feast of All Saints.

Services were also held in the evening, when addresses were made by the present and former ministers of the Chapel. Both services were deeply interesting and were attended by large congregations.



GUILD HOUSE AND VICARAGE, HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDINGS BY
JAMES P. SIMS, ARCHITECT, FURNISHED
FOR THE PAPERS OF THAT DATE:

Adm.

The School Building is two stories in height, built of Trenton stone, with dressings of Hummels-town stone. The lower floor has two entrances on Spruce Street, opening into a commodious vestibule. Adjoining the vestibule is the lecture room and two Bible class rooms and an infant school room, all having exterior doors. The main upper floor is occupied by the Sunday School room, 36 feet by 68 feet, with an open roof. Communicating with it is the library. There are accommodations for more than 900 teachers and scholars.

The building is, in character, Thirteenth century French Gothic, severe in outlines, but relieved by small gables over the stairways and, at the north end of the Sunday School, by a bell-cote 73 feet in height. The outside dimensions of the building are 40 by 84 feet. The interior of the building is finished entirely in chestnut and is wainscoted. The windows throughout are filled with stained glass, of simple character; those at the north and south ends of the Sunday School room are, however, handsome and represent Biblical and symbolical subjects. The wall space throughout the building is simply decorated with lines of stencil patterns and several scroll inscriptions. At the south end of the Sunday School room, above a raised platform, is a tablet of butter-

nut, with a brass plate bearing the inscription—"This building erected in memory of John Bohlen by Catharine M. Bohlen and Lemuel Coffin, 1874-5."

The Chapel is built of the same material as the School Building and is also early French in its character. Its outside dimensions are 68 feet on Spruce Street and 107 feet on Twenty-second Street. It has five entrance doors—three on Spruce Street, one on Twenty-second Street and one into the porch connecting the Church and Schools. The auditorium is 56 feet by 72 feet and, with the gallery, will seat about 750 persons. South of the auditorium are the Chancel, the organ chamber and the Vestry room. On the exterior a small octagonal turret rises to a height of 120 feet and is surmounted by a gilded iron cross. The roof is of novel construction, having a clerestory but no columns, the thrust of the upper part being carried by flying buttresses, thus giving the advantages of columns without their inconvenience.

The flying buttresses, with their crockets, make an agreeable break on the exterior, and on the interior there is a fine clerestory, with an open triforium beneath it, and a wooden, vaulted ceiling 48 feet in height. The Chancel arch is 23 feet wide and 40 feet high, with carved stone corbel shafts on both sides. The windows throughout are of stained glass, several being very handsome, especially the rose window in the Chancel and the four-light north window. The walls of both auditorium and Chancel

are richly decorated in stencil and bear numerous inscriptions. The south wall of the Chancel is wainscoted to a height of 8 feet; above is an arcade of seven arches, the corbels, etc., of which are brought out with gold patterns; the arched heads are colored dark blue, with delicate stencil patterns in gold, and below are conventional curtains on a richly diapered ground. The pedal pipes of the organ show in an arch on the east side of the Chancel and are decorated in a similar manner.

The keyboard of the organ is brought out in front of the case, the action being reversed, and the organist thus facing the congregation. The case is of simple design, with richly decorated metal pipes. The handsome Communion service was purchased with funds left for that purpose by the late Eliza Colhoun. The Font, presented by Mr. Lemuel Coffin, stands at the head of the aisle, on the west, and is of polished marble, with a handsome oak cover. Above the Font is an elaborately carved tablet, made of polished white marble, with the inscription—"This Chapel erected by Anna H. Wilstach, in memory of her daughter, Anna Gertrude Wilstach, who entered into rest May 19, 1873."

The School Building, completely furnished, cost \$28,000. The Chapel, with its organ, stained glass, decorations and fittings complete, cost \$58,000. The ground was contributed by the congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity and has cost, including the curbing, paving and other incidental expenses,

\$50,000, making the cost of the whole enterprise \$136,000, which will be entirely free of debt. The seats are free, and the current expenses will be met by voluntary contributions of the parish. The Chapel will be under the government of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

The buildings were erected under contract by Adam A. Catanach, carpenter and builder. The stone-work was done by Edward Delany. The stained-glass windows were designed and made by H. J. Smith & Company. The painting and decorations, by John Gibson. The organ was built by Standbridge Brothers. The gas fixtures, by Baker, Arnold & Company. The Building Committee were Lemuel Coffin, Alexander Brown, W. P. Cresson, J. B. Moorhead and L. H. Redner.